

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – FEBRUARY 23, 2009

Minutes of the meeting held on February 23, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

Present: Mayor Nelson
Councillors: Garbutt, Racicot, Vezina
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot

Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

1. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

2. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT COUNCILLOR NYGARD BE MARKED ABSENT DUE TO WORK.

Carried

Fire Chief Henry Mattas was welcomed to the table.

The Fire Department Report for the period of January 23, 2009 to February 19, 2009 was reviewed. There has been one fire related call and one first response related call during that time period.

Fire Department issues were discussed. The Thunder Bay Zone One Mutual Aid Association is planning a highway incident safety information session on Wednesday, March 11, 2009. This training will be held at the Municipal Hall in Murillo. Fire Chief Mattas will be asking members who will be attending.

Training for D-Z licenses for Fire Department members was discussed. The Thunder Bay Zone One Mutual Aid will be addressing this issue at their meeting held on March 4, 2009. Fire Chief Mattas will also be looking into the possibility of finding an individual who can provide training for D-Z licensing in conjunction with other area fire departments.

A letter received from Mr. Wayne Gates of the Superior North EMS was read. The City of Thunder Bay, Paterson Foundation, Andrews Foundation, the Rotary Club and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario has provided funding for the purchase of defibrillators for First Response Teams. Training packages and defibrillators will be out to the teams by the end of March 2009.

An letter and registration form from the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs regarding the upcoming Municipal Politicians Seminar: Firefighting 101 was read. The seminar is to be held in Toronto therefore no one will be attending.

A registration form from Emergency Management Ontario for a Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) course was read. Fire Chief Mattas is already the Township's CEMC with John Coupland as his alternate. No one will be attending the training.

Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending.

The following By-law was discussed and it was

3. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2009-05 BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 2002-17 TO ESTABLISH MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

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The following Township of O’Connor policies were discussed and it was

- 4. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT BE MADE TO THE POLICY FOR DUST CONTROL.

UNDER THE HEADING OF FIRST PRIORITY ROADS, THE POLICY SHALL READ:

THE FIRST PRIORITY ROADS, AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED MAP, WILL HAVE A LIGHT APPLICATION OF DUST SUPPRESSANT, AT LEAST ONCE PER YEAR, GENERALLY IN MAY OR JUNE.

ANY ROADS HAVING A GRAVEL, RESURFACING, MAY HAVE A DUST SUPPRESSANT APPLIED IMMEDIATELY.

Carried

- 5. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT BE MADE TO THE POLICY FOR OPENING ROADS.

UNDER THE HEADING OF INVENTORY ROADS THE POLICY SHALL READ:

EXISTING MUNICIPAL OWNED ROADS AS OUTLINE IN SCHEDULE “A” – THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O’CONNOR – INVENTORY ROADS.

SCHEDULE “A” – THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O’CONNOR – INVENTORY ROADS SHALL BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Schedule “A”

**The Corporation of the Township of O’Connor
- Inventory Roads**

1.	Whittaker Road (Formally Concession 5, West of Hwy. 595)	3.8 km
2.	Broome Road (Formally Concession 5, East of Hwy. 595)	3.2 km
3.	Smart Road (Formally 2 nd Sideroad, West of Hwy. 590)	1.3 km
4.	Pool Road (Formally 4 th Sideroad, Hwy. 590 to Concession 5)	3.2 km
5.	Sovereign Road (Formally 3 rd Sideroad to Conmee)	1.6 km
6.	Strom Road (Formally Strom’s Sideroad)	1.8 km
7.	Fleming Road (Formally O’Connor/Conmee Townline)	2.0 km (maint)
8.	Holomego Road (Formally Concession 6, East of Hwy. 595)	2.8 km
9.	Cronk Road (Formally Concession 6, West of Hwy. 595)	4.8 km
10.	Garbutt Road (Formally 2 nd Sideroad, East of Hwy. 590)	4.8 km
11.	Smith Road (Formally Concession 4, East of Hwy. 595)	2.8 km
12.	Connolly Road (Formally Concession 4, West of Hwy. 595)	5.0 km
13.	Rosengren E. Road (Formally Con 3, North & South off 4 th Sideroad)	0.2 km
14.	Rosengren W. Road (Formally Con 3, North & South off 4 th Sideroad)	0.3 km
15.	Sitch Road (Formally 4 th Sideroad)	4.8 km
16.	Main Street (Formally O’Connor/Gillies Township Line)	0.8 km (maint)
17.	Wheal Road (O’Connor Portion)	0.3 km (maint)
18.	Allan Road (Formally O’Connor/Marks Township Line)	1.6 km
19.	Blaikie Road (Formally Concession 2 Road, East of Hwy. 595 & Y1 Road, Concession 2 Road to Hwy 588)	3.3 km
20.	Earl Road (Formally Concession 2 Road, West of Hwy. 595)	4.8 km
21.	CliffMcLean Road (Formally McLean Road)	2.6 km
22.	Diana Road (Formally Donaldson Road)	1.6 km
23.	Chambers Road (Formally Concession 3 Road, West of Hwy 595)	0.35 km
24.	Kershaw Road (Formally No Man’s Land)	0.15 km
25.	Harstone Road (Formally P.D. Road)	2.8 km
26.	Luckens Road (Formally O’Connor/Oliver Paipoonge Townline)	2.8 km
27.	Loghryn Road (Formally 1 st Sideroad, West of Hwy 590)	1.2 km
28.	Winslow Road (Formally 1 st Sideroad, East of Hwy 590)	1.2 km
29.	Cardiff Drive (Formally Tysoski Road)	0.8 km
30.	Mayo Road (Formally O’Connor/Marks Townline)	<u>0.8 km</u>
		67.5 km

Carried

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- 6. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS BE MADE TO THE POLICY FOR USE OF TOWNSHIP EQUIPMENT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

UNDER THE HEADING OF RATES FOR TOWNSHIP EQUIPMENT WHEN WORKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, THE POLICY SHALL READ:

**GRADER - \$75.00 PER HOUR, MINIMUM ONE HOUR CHARGE
420 CAT - \$70.00 PER HOUR, MINIMUM ONE HOUR CHARGE
TRUCKS - \$70.00 PER HOUR, MINIMUM ONE HOUR CHARGE
THESE RATES INCLUDE THE TOWNSHIP OPERATOR**

UNDER THE HEADING OF STEAMING CULVERTS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, THE POLICY SHALL READ:

\$50.00 PER HOUR, MINIMUM ONE HOUR CHARGE
Carried

- 7. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS BE MADE TO THE POLICY FOR REMOVAL OF DEAD ANIMALS ON TOWNSHIP ROADS:

UNDER THE HEADING OF PURPOSE, THE POLICY SHALL READ:

TO ESTABLISH THE STANDARDS FOR REMOVAL OF DEAD ANIMALS, BOTH DOMESTIC AND NON DOMESTIC, FOUND ON TOWNSHIP ROADS.

UNDER THE HEADING OF RATIONAL, THE POLICY SHALL READ:

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP TO REMOVE THE CARCASS OF A NON DOMESTIC ANIMAL THAT IS FOUND ON A MUNICIPAL ROAD SURFACE. DISPOSAL OF THE CARCASS WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE LEADHAND.
IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNERS OF THE DOMESTIC ANIMAL TO DISPOSE OF THE CARCASS.**

UNDER THE HEADING OF POLICY STATEMENT, THE POLICY SHALL READ:

BY-LAW NUMBER 97-05, AS AMENDED, STATES DOGS SHALL NOT RUN AT LARGE. DOG/DOGS THAT ARE KILLED ON THE TOWNSHIP ROADS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE RUNNING AT LARGE.
Carried

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) The Corporation of the Town of Marathon regarding distance markers for Highways 17 and 11 was read and it was

- 8. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWN OF MARATHON REQUESTING THAT THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION GIVE CONSIDERATION IN EXPEDITING THE INSTALLATION OF DISTANCE MARKERS ALONG HIGHWAY 11 AND 17 SO AS TO OFFER A MORE DEFINABLE METHOD OF ESTABLISHING AN ACCIDENT LOCATION WHICH, IN TURN, WOULD ENSURE A TIMELY RESPONSE TO TRAVELERS IN NEED BE ENDORSED.

Carried

- b) The City of Hamilton's resolution regarding MPP Andrea Horwath's Bill 138, Protection of Public Participation Act, 2008 was filed.

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- c) The Town of Ajax regarding Authority to prohibit corporate and trade union contributions to Municipal election campaigns was filed.
- d) The Corporation of the City of Cambridge regarding Internet Filtering Software on computers was filed.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) An engagement letter from Grant Thornton regarding the auditing of the financial statements of the Corporation of the Township of O'Connor for the year ending December 31, 2008 was read.
 - b) The letter from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services regarding the Township's completion of all the mandatory emergency management activities required under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act for 2008 was read.
 - c) AMO Membership Communications
 - i) AMO's 2009 Federal Gas Tax Award Application Now Available was read.
 - ii) AMO Report to Members on January 2009 Board Meeting was read.
 - iii) Communities Component Funding for \$ 1 Billion in Municipal Infrastructure Projects Announced was read.
 - iv) Government Releases Draft Employment Standard under AODA for Public Review was read.
 - d) An e-mail from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs regarding a Planning Conference on Thursday, March 26, 2009 was read and it was
9. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING'S PLANNING CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY MARCH 26, 2009 AT THE OLIVER ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE IN THUNDER BAY FROM 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM.
REGISTRATION: FREE**

COUNCILLOR GARBUTT, MAYOR NELSON, COUNCILLOR NYGARD, COUNCILLOR RACICOT, COUNCILLOR VEZINA AND CLERK-TREASURER BUOB.

Carried

10. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING'S MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES DATA SENSITIVITY TRAINING SESSION THAT IS TENTATIVELY BEING PLANNED FOR MARCH 27, 2009
REGISTRATION FEE: FREE**

MAYOR NELSON, COUNCILLOR GARBUTT, COUNCILLOR NYGARD, COUNCILLOR RACICOT, COUNCILLOR VEZINA AND CLERK-TREASURER BUOB.

Carried

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) The memo from Clerk-Treasurer Buob regarding the Canada Summer Jobs 2009 and the hiring of a student for the planning and organization of the upcoming annual O'Connor Day Celebrations and it was

11. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ASK FOR AN ADDITIONAL STUDENT UNDER THE CANADA SUMMER JOBS 2009 WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM, FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN WEEKS.
START DATE FOR THE PROGRAM FOR THIS STUDENT WOULD BE MAY 4, 2009 RUNNING UNTIL JUNE 19TH, 2009.**

Carried

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- b) Under further old business Council discussed the number of comments that the administrative staff have had regarding accessing the municipal office on the second floor the municipal building. Mayor Ron Nelson suggested that residents be asked to write a letter supporting the Township when seeking funding for the construction of a ground floor municipal office.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) The Thunder Bay Area Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) memo regarding the upcoming EMO Annual Executive Meeting and it was

12. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE MEETING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2009 BEGINNING AT 11:30 AM AT THE PRINCE ARTHUR HOTEL IN THUNDER BAY.

REGISTRATION: NONE

MAYOR RON NELSON

Carried

- b) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) memo regarding the upcoming 2009 AGM & Conference to be held in Fort Frances and it was

13. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE OF THE NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION, TO TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 15TH TO THE 18TH, 2009 AT THE MEMORIAL SPORTS CENTRE IN FORT FRANCES ONTARIO.

REGISTRATION: \$200.00

MAYOR RON NELSON, COUNCILLOR GARBUTT, COUNCILLOR, RACICOT, COUNCILLOR VEZINA AND CLERK-TREASURER BUOB.

Carried

- c) An e-mail from Ken Taniwa, Secretary-Treasurer for the Thunder Bay District Municipal League regarding a panel made up of one representative from each member organization (City of Thunder Bay, KDMA, RRDMA, and the TBDML). The panel will make a short presentation on a successful community festival type event during NOMA's 2009 AGM & Conference. Councillor Garbutt will approach the League members to see if anyone would be interested in being on this panel. If no one steps forward then Mayor Ron Nelson has offered to be on the panel.

- d) i) AMCTO's Annual Meeting and Professional Development Institute will be held in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Council discussed the issue and it was

14. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE 71ST AMCTO 2009 ANNUAL MEETING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON JUNE 14TH TO THE 17TH, 2009 IN SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO.

REGISTRATION: \$577.50

CLERK-TREASURER BUOB

Carried

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- ii) An e-mail from Glenn Tretlin, Town Clerk, Town of Fort Frances regarding the possible chartering of a bus for member of AMCTO who are planning on attending the 2009 Annual Meeting and Professional Development Institute Conference. The bus will pickup members on route to Sault Ste. Marie.
 - e) IAPA Network and Knowledge Exchange will be holding a presentation "When the Ministry of Labour Comes Knocking" and it was
15. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE IAPA NETWORKING AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE MEETING REGARDING "WHEN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR COMES KNOCKING" TO BE HELD AT THE THUNDER BAY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD'S BOARDROOM ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2009 IN THUNDER BAY.
REGISTRATION: \$10.50**

DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT
Carried

The office will be closed to accommodate the Deputy Clerk-Treasurers attendance.

- f) The Ministry of the Environment's letter regarding Waste Comprehensive Certificate of Approval was read
- g) AMO's Media and Communications Program that is being offered in Thunder Bay, June 13, 2009. No one will attend.
- h) An e-mail from the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario regarding the public review for the initial proposed Employment Accessibility Standard as part of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act, 2005 was read.
- i) An e-mail from Iain Angus regarding the presentation that the Weiler firm will be making to the Ontario Energy Board on the need for improved electrical service to the Northwest, on behalf of NOMA, through the Common Voice Northwest Energy Task Force, The City of Thunder Bay and the Township of Atikokan. A survey has been included with the e-mail that each community is encouraged to fill out. The survey will provide information to help develop the Weiler firm's final presentation to the Ontario Energy Board on the need for improved electrical service to the Northwest. Councillor Vezina will fill out the survey.
- j) Councillor Racicot addressed Council regarding the possible purchase of a video camera surveillance system for the municipal yard. He was asked to obtain a quote on a system and bring it back to Council for further discussion.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed.

- a) AMO Member Communication regarding AMO and OMSSA release of a joint paper on poverty reduction was read.
- b) Agenda for the upcoming Thunder Bay District Municipal League 92nd Annual Meeting and Conference to be held on March 6th and 7th, 2009 was read.

16. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD; PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239(2)(E) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001.

TIME BEING: 8:10 P.M.

Carried.

The snowplowing of Strom Road issue was discussed.

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17. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

TIME BEING: 8:30 P.M.

THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.

Carried

The Clerk-Treasurer will gather the information that has been requested by the township's lawyer with regard to this matter.

18. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD
ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.**

TIME BEING: 8:35 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer